## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re Application of: Joseph H. Sklar et al.

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For: FIXATION SCREW, GRAFT LIGAMENT ANCHOR

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GRAFT LIGAMENT IN A BONE TUNNEL

Group Art Unit: 3738

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed May 10, 2005 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from August 10, 2005 to September 10, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Large Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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